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Appl. No. : 10/052,300 Confirmation No. 8380
Applicant: : Alan Cuthbertson
Filed : January 18, 2002
TC/A.U. : 1654
Examiner: : Billy D. CHISM

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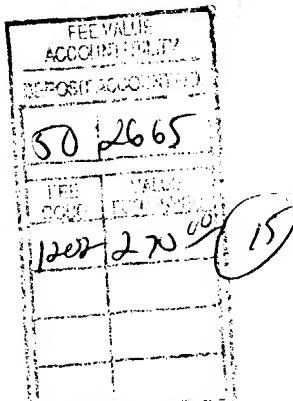
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2004, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response one (1) month from November 6, 2004, up to and including December 6, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.



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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection made in the instant application has been successfully overcome or obviated, and that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of the current application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)						Docket No. NIDN-10431
 In Re Application Of: Alan Cuthbertson						
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>October 6, 2004</u> above-identified application.</p>						
<p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p>						
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from: <u>November 6, 2004</u> <small>Date</small>			until: <u>December 6, 2004</u> <small>Date</small>			
<p>The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:</p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502-665 <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 						
<p>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>						
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